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1. From January 1948 to April 1948 the railroads in North Manchuria were operated jointly by the Chinese Communist and Soviet authorities. The senior Soviet Cadviser to the Harbin Railway Bureau is A. P. Iyergin, who was formerly with the Voroshilov Railway Administration Bureau.

2. By the end of February 1948 the railroad from Voroshilov (131-55, 43-47) to Matsiyevskaya (117-17, 49-43) had been converted from standard gauge to wide gauge (five feet). This line runs via Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35), Harbin and Manchouli (117-27, 49-36).

3. By the end of March 1948 the railroad from Harbin through Suihua (126-58, 46-38) to Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49) had been changed from standard to wide gauge.

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4. The railroad between Chiamussu and Hulin (133-38, 45-59) is being changed from standard gauge to wide gauge.

5. Trains are now being operated by the Chinese Communist and Soviet authorities over the following standard gauge lines:

- Tumen (129-49, 42-58) to Mutanchiang to Chiamussu
- Mutanchiang to Linkou (130-16, 45-17) to Hulin to Iman (133-40, 45-55)
- Harbin to Lafa (127-17, 43-51)
- Lafa to Kirin, now being repaired
- Kirin to Chiutai (125-50, 44-08)
- Liaoyuan (123-30, 43-30) to Tungliao (122-14, 43-38) to Changwu (122-29, 42-23)
- Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22) to Liaoyuan to Sanchiangkou (122-43, 43-22)
- Faichengtzu (122-52, 45-37) to Wangyehmiao (122-01, 46-05)
- Ssupingchieh (124-22, 43-11) to Hsian (125-09, 42-54) to Keihokou (125-41, 42-32) to Tunghua (125-57, 41-41); this line may not be operating all the way
- Tsitsihar to Heiho (127-31, 50-15) by way of Ningnien (124-27, 47-47) and Peian (126-34, 48-16)

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